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National Small Business Week 2009 **Save the Date** **May 17-19, 2009**

***SBA to Mark 56th Year with Issue Forums, Receptions,
And the Naming of National Small Business Person of the Year***

WASHINGTON — The nation's top entrepreneurs will be hailed at the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week events May 17-19, in Washington, D.C., marking the 56th anniversary of the agency, and the 46th annual proclamation of National Small Business Week.

More than 100 small business owners from across the country will gather for three days of events at the city's Mandarin Oriental Hotel to be honored for their accomplishments as the nation's leading small businesses. The highlight of events will be the announcement of the ***National Small Business Person of the Year***.

Men and women also will be recognized their involvement in disaster recovery, government contracting, and their support for small businesses. Awards also will be presented to SBA partners in financial and entrepreneurial development, including SCORE Chapter, Small Business Development Center and Women's Business Center of the year.

Small Business Week award winners will meet with top agency officials, congressional representatives and national business leaders. The State Small Business Award Winners and recipients of the Champion and other Entrepreneurial awards are nominated by local trade associations, chambers of commerce and business organizations and government agencies.

Media outlets are encouraged to cover National Small Business Week events, and can register online. Additional information on the Small Business Week 2008 events is available at www.sba.gov/sbw.

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